

The Daily Courant.

Monday, July 3. 1704.

London, July 3. On Saturday came in a Mail from Lisbon, bringing Letters dated the 22d of June, N. S.

From a Paper printed at Lisbon in Portuguese, entitul'd, *A first Relation of the glorious Successes gain'd by his Majesty's Forces under the Command of the Marquess das Minas.*

THE Marquess das Minas having drawn together a Body of Portuguese Troops at Almeida, march'd from thence the 2d of this Month; and being come into the Neighbourhood of Aldea da Ponte, he halted there 2 days, to refresh the Troops after their hard March, there being Plenty of Water and Forrage in that part of the Country, which borders on Castile. Here the Marquess, being inform'd that the Inhabitants of Arganhaon, one of the richest and most fertile Valleys of the Kingdom of Castile, had put their best Effects into the Town of Fonte Grenaldo, he detach'd the Conde of San Joan, Lieutenant General of the Horse, with 600 Horse and a like Number of Grenadiers, to attack the said Place; and notwithstanding it was well garrison'd with Regular Foot and Militia, and fortified with Intrenchments and Palisadoes and Trenches thrown up cross the Streets, the Conde executed his Orders with so much Bravery, that he entred it at the first Assault, and made the Garrison Prisoners at Discretion, with the loss of but one Man. The Plunder of the Place was given to the Soldiers, except what was put into the Churches, which by Order of the Marquess das Minas the Conde would not suffer to be touch'd; the Religion and Piety of the Portuguese not permitting them to make bold with things Sacred as the French are wont to do: Yet the Spoil was so considerable, that all the Soldiers enrich'd themselves thereby, some of them had above 40 Doubloons to their Share. Above 1000 Head of great Cattle was taken likewise, and a considerable Number of small. And if Don Francisco Ronquillo, Governour in those Parts for the Duke of Anjou, had not retir'd the Night before from Ciudad Rodrigo with 300 Horse, this Success would have been yet more considerable.

The Marquess, after this Success, march'd with his Army to Taliscas within a League of Penamacor, where he had Intelligence that the Enemy were march'd from Castelbranco towards the Frontier of Castile, and that the Troops they had in Idanha and other open Places had rejoyn'd their Army. The Garrison of Monsanto consisting of 120 French, was order'd to retire likewise, but had not time to do it; for the Marquess caus'd 300 Soldiers and some Peasants to fall upon that Place the 9th in the Night, and they kill'd all the French who happen'd to be out of the Castle. The Enemy having Intelligence the Castle of Monsanto was attack'd, march'd to relieve it; of which the Marquess being inform'd the 11th at 11 in the Morning, and that they would in a few hours be up with our Men that lay before the said Castle; he immediately order'd his Troops to Arms, and advance'd to meet the Enemy with the Horse, commanding the Foot to follow as fast as they could. The Marquess drew up his Horse in Order of Battle in view of the Enemy, and finding he had but one hour's day-light, he resolv'd to charge them, notwithstanding his Foot, who were come up with the second Line of his Horse, had not time to form themselves into Order.

The Enemies Left Wing, in which were most of their Horse Officers, and the best of their Horse, attack'd our Right which was led by the Marquess das

Minas; but tho' they exerted their utmost Vigour to break our Troops, hoping in consequence to put our Line into Disorder, the Marquess with all the superior and inferior Officers and Soldiers acquitted themselves so courageously, that not only the Enemies Left Wing was repul's'd and broken, but their Right was put to Flight likewise, and were pursued by our Horse till it was dark towards Idanha a Velha; the Enemy continued their Flight all Night long, taking their way towards Sarca in Castile in great Disorder, leaving behind them many Tents, Arms and Officers Baggage, and setting Fire to some part of their Carriages in Idanha. Our Men took 3 Standards.

The Number of the Enemies Slain was not perfectly known when the Marquess dispatch'd the Courier with the News of this Action, which was about 9 a Clock at Night. But above 300 of their Dead were counted before the Courier came away; it appear'd then likewise, that 150 of their Officers were kill'd or taken Prisoners; particularly among the kill'd are 6 Captains of Horse, (one of them a Son of the Marquess de la Rosa) and 6 Lieutenants; and several other Persons of Note.

On our side but 50 Men were Kill'd or Wounded; the Captain of the Marquess's Guards Joan Dantas da Cunha, the Adjutant Alexandre Pahares, and the Lieutenant of the Troop commanded by Antonio Carlos, were wounded.

In this Action the Marquess perform'd the Part both of a skilful General, and a stout Soldier, with so much Intrepidity and Daring, that he receiv'd several Wounds. The Condes of Alvor and Atalaya, Councillors of State to His Majesty, and Governours of the Provinces of Traos Montes and Minho, who had joyn'd the Marquess's Army with the Troops of those Provinces, distinguish'd themselves eminently on this Occasion; as did also the Condes of Prado, and Atalaya; and generally all the Officers and Soldiers prov'd themselves, on this Occasion, by their Valour, Courage, and Loyalty, to be true Portuguese.

From the *Second Relation of the Glorious Successes, &c.*

The Advices we have receiv'd from the Army under the Marquess das Minas, giving further Particulars of the Defeat of the Enemies near Monsanto, assure us, That had there been but 2 Hours day-light when the Fight began, not one of the Enemies had gone back alive to Castile. Tis certain however, that great part of their Army was cut off; for the Peasants understanding that the Enemy was beaten, and running away in Disorder towards Salvaterra and Sarca, excited by a just Resentment of the Outrages they had suffer'd from the French especially, who spar'd nothing either Sacred or Common, but acted such Villanies as are not to be exprest; drew together to the number of 1500, and Arming themselves with such Weapons as Rage and Revenge furnish'd, they posted themselves in the Passages of the Mountains, and gave no Quarters either to French or Spaniards, but knock'd on the Head all that came in their Way. The number they kill'd may be guess'd by the Horses they took, which were 1800; they slew besides great part of the Enemies Foot, which as 'tis said, consisted of above 6000 Men. All the Enemies Baggage was taken, except what they burn'd, as a forlaid, at Idanha. A great number of Carts and Waggoons, a considerable quantity of Powder and other Ammunition and Arms both of Horse and Foot were taken by our Men; who among the Booty found rich Cloaths, Plate, and other things of Value. They likewise took 6 Standards, one of which belong'd to

to the Queen's Regiments, having the Flowers-de-Lys of France embroider'd in Gold.

As soon as the Duke of Anjou had Information that the Marques das Minas was broke up from Almeida, he detach'd 4000 Men from Poralegre, to pass the Bridge over the Tagus at Vilha Veilla, to reinforce Ronquillo; who having Notice of it, sent 4 Horsemen to meet that Detachment, and inform the Commander of it which Way he should march to joyn him; those 4 Horsemen having deliver'd their Message near Castelbranco, return'd; but our Army being encamp'd on the Ground where the Enemies lay before the Fight, the said 4 Horsemen fell in with us, not finding their Mistake till it was impossible for them to get out of our Hands; by them the Marques das Minas leavitt which way this Detachment was marching to joyn Ronquillo; whereupon he immediately sent out several Parties of Horse to get Intelligence of the Enemies Motions; who, if they hear of the Defeat of Ronquillo, will, doubtless, retire back agen into Alentejo, by the Bridge of Vilha Veilla; in which case they will be cut off by General Fagel who is advanc'd with the Body he Commands near that Bridge; or if they should move towards the Mountains to get into Castile, they will, 'tis likely, be knock'd on the Head by the exasperated Peasants.

These Advices tells us, that though the Marques das Minas was wounded in the Arm, and had receiv'd a Contusion in the Head; yet he press'd forward in the Action, and receiv'd 6 Cuts in his Hat which was lin'd with Iron, and many more Thrusts or Cuts in his Coat. The Conde de Prado, a Son worthy of such a Father, keeping close to the Marques, kill'd the Person who wounded his Father in the Arm.

From the Third Relation of the Glorious Successes, &c. After the Marques das Minas sent the 9th at Night to attack the French in Monsanto, the same Castle continued to defend it self very vigourously. Upon which the Marques sent sent thither the Lieutenant Camp Master-General Francisco Ferraon, with 400 Grenadiers; the Situation of the Place render'd it very difficult to be taken, the Marques therefore order'd the Quarter-Master Fancisco Pimentel, to endeavour to set fire to the Gate with Pascines, which was done. The Enemy perceiving the Gate was on fire, retir'd within the Castle, and offer'd to Capitulate; the Marques wou'd not receive them otherwise than as Prisoners of War, so the Castle was surrend'red the 14th of this Month. The Garrison consisted of 150 French, with 7 Officers, viz. 2 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, and 1 Cornet. On our side a Major was kill'd; the Quarter-Master Pimentel receiv'd a Wound in his Leg, and 10 Soldiers were wounded.

From the Camp at Übermerghe, July 3. On Monday the Army march'd from Gingin and Herbrechtin to Lonstiaffen on the Right, and Balmerishoffen on the Left; our March was so near the Enemies Camp, that Lieutenant General Bulau was sent out the Night before with a Detachment of 2000 Horse and Dragoons to secure the Avenues by which they might have disturb'd our March, but they did not think fit to make the least Motion. On Thursday we continued our March within sight of the Enemy's Camp, and encamp'd with the Right at Amerdingen and the Left at Onderingen, where, upon our arrival the Duke of Marlborough having Advice that the Elector of Bavaria had sent good part of his Troops to reinforce those on the Scheibenbergh near Donawert, being a Post of great Consequence to the Enemy, where they had been several days raising of Works and intrenching themselves, the Duke resolv'd to attack them, and accordingly yesterday by 3 in the Morning put himself at the head of 6000 derach'd Foot, and 30 Squadrons of the Left Wing, besides 3 Regiments of Imperial Grenadiers, and advanc'd to the River Wernitz, while the rest of the Army follow'd; but the March being very long, and the Roads

bad, the Army did not reach the Wernitz till yesterday.

extreamly difficult, we could not get thither by Noon, and it took near 3 hours more before the Bridge could be made for the Troops and Cannon to march over; and the whole Disposition being made on the other side, the Attack began about 6 in the Afternoon, and the Enemy being strongly entrench'd, maintain'd the Fight with great Obstinacy for an hour and a half, during which there was a very great Fire on both sides without the least Intermission, at last they were forc'd to yield to the Bravery of our Troops, who made a very great Slaughter of them. Our Horse and Dragoons had a great share in this Victory. The Count de Arco the Elector's General, with their other General Officers, were oblig'd to save themselves by Swimming over the Danube. We took 15 pieces of Cannon, with their Ammunition, Tents and Baggage. We have not yet the Particulars of our Loss, which fell heaviest upon the Battalion of Guards; the Royal Regiment commanded by the Earl of Orkney, and Lieutenant General Ingoldsby's, Major General Wood, Colonel Palme's and Colonel Meridith, are the Principal of the English that are wounded. Lieutenant General Goor, Major General Beinhelm of the States Troops are kill'd, as is the Prince of Wolfenbuitel Major General in the Emperor's Service, Count Stirum is shot through the Body, but 'tis hoped he may recover; Prince Lewis of Baden and General Thungen are slightly wounded. The Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel and Count Horn Lieutenant General who commands the Duke of Wurtemberg's Troops, are likewise wounded. All the Troops behaved themselves with the greatest Bravery, as well the Foot which attack'd, as the Horse and Dragoons which sustain'd them and bore the Enemies Fire most of the time. A little before the Attack began, an Adjutant General arriv'd from Prince Eugene, with an account that the Marshals de Villeroy and Tallard were at Strasburg, preparing to send the Elector a great Detachment through the Black Forrest; and the Duke has Advice from other hands, that they design him 50 Battallions and 60 Squadrons of their best Troops. Part of our Forces lay down before Donawert after the Action.

We are told there are Letters from the Duke of Marlborough's Camp of the 4th of July, which say, That Count Stirum is Dead, and also Captain Blunt of the Guards; and that Donawert is in the Hands of the Allies.

London, July 3.

Sir Cloudly Shovel, with the Men of War under his Command, arriv'd in the Port of Lisbon the 15th of June N.S.

On Saturday Stocks were as follows, Bank 116 & 1 third. New Comp. 256 & a half. Shares 30 & a qr. Old Comp. 133 & a qr. Million Bank 87 & a half. Sword Blades 84 & a half. African 20. Army Debentures 81 & a qr.

For the Benefit of Mr. Firbank and Mr. Bickerstaffe Not Acted there these Four Years.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on Wednesday next being the Fifth of July, will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, The Taming of a Shrew, Or, Sawny the Scot. All the Parts being play'd to the best Advantage. To which will be added the Two Doctors Scenes in the last Act of a Comedy call'd, Le Medecin Malgre Luy. With several Entertainments of Serious and Grotesque Dancing by the best Performers. And the desire of several Persons of Quality, the Famous Signora Francisca Margarita de L'Epine, will perform several Entertainments of Singing in Italian, being the best Songs she has Sung in England. The Musick that accompanys her Compos'd by Signor Giacomo Greber. She also Sings an

For the Benefit of Mr. CORY.

At the New Theatre in Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields, tomorrow being Tuesday the 4th of July, will be presented a Play call'd, The VILLAIN. The part of the Villain to be perform'd by the same Gentleman who play'd the part of Matchavill last Year, in Imitation of Mr. Sandford. With Singing by Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. Cook and Mr. Davis, and a new Entertainment of Dancing by Mr. Firbank, his Scholar, and Miss Evans. And the Dance of Blouzabella by Mr. Prince and Mrs. Clark. By Her Majesty's Sworn Servants.

A large handsom Mare, and a strong useful Gelding, each fix Years old, for the Saddle. To be Sold at Warwick-Tables near Grays-Inn. The Owner may be found at John's Coffee-house adjoining to the said Stables.

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